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SUBJECT: VISIT INVITATIONS TO SOVIET CHIEF OF STAFF OGARKOV
AND CINCGSFG

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM POLADS AT NEXT REGULAR DISCUSSION OF
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CSCE/CBMS THAT USG PLANS IN NEAR FUTURE TO ISSUE INVITATION
FROM CHAIRMAN JCS GENERAL BROWN TO SOVIET CHIEF OF GENERAL
STAFF MARSHAL OGARKOV FOR LATTER TO VISIT THE US. ALLIES
WILL BE INFORMED WHEN FURTHER DETAILS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED
AND INVITATION IS ISSUED. WE EXPECT NEXT POLADS DISCUSSION
OF CSCE/CBMS TO TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 1 --IF IT APPEARS
NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THESE INSTRUCTIONS ON ANOTHER DATE,

YOU SHOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT ASAP.

2. YOU SHOULD INFORM POLADS AT SAME TIME THAT USG HAS DECIDED TO RENEW INVITATION FROM COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, US ARMY EUROPE (CINCUSAREUR) TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, GROUP OF SOVIET FORCES GERMANY, (CINCGSFG) TO VISIT CINCUSAREUR. CINCUSAREUR VISITED CINCGSFG ON INVITATION SEPTEMBER 4, 1973 BUT SUBSEQUENT RECIPROCAL CINCGSFG VISIT SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 20-21, 1974 WAS POSTPONED BY US SIDE. WE ARE INSTRUCTING EMBASSY BONN BY SEPTTEL TO INFORM BONN GROUP PRIOR TO POLADS MEETING OF US PLANS, WHICH INVOLVE VISIT

ON FRG TERRITORY.

3. IN INFORMING ALLIES OF THESE PLANNED INVITATIONS, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT THEY ARE INTENDED TO CONTINUE OUR PRACTICE OF SEEKING EXCHANGES OF MILITARY VISITS WITH SOVIETS. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE CONSIDER SUCH EXCHANGES PRIMARILY BILATERAL MATTER, BUT ARE INFORMING ALLIES IN ADVANCE BECAUSE OF THEIR LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS WITH SOVIET MILITARY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUCH EXCHANGES FORM PART OF OUR IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE CBM ON MILITARY EXCHANGES, WHICH IS A SUBJECT OF REGULAR CONSULTATION IN NATO.

4. FYI. DECISION TO ISSUE THESE INVITATIONS MADE AT HIGHEST LEVEL. END FYI.
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